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1. Members of the Municipal Liberal Party Directorate have expressed strong objections to Communist intervention in Liberal politics. This protest was brought about by a speech made by Gilberto Vieira White, Secretary General of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCO) on 9 November 1948 at a leftist meeting.
2. As a consequence, the Liberal Directorate in Cali wrote to Francisco Jose Chaux, co-chairman of the National Liberal Directorate, asking his opinion with regard to possible collaboration with Communist groups in that city. In reply, Chaux stated that under no condition should any Communist or ex-Communist be allowed to ally himself with the Liberal Party and thereby gain an advantage in the coming election campaign. However, Chaux is reported not to have objected to proposals made to him by Augusto Duran, Secretary-General of the Partido Comunista Obrero (PCO - Communist Workers' Party), for the support of the FEDENAL syndicates in the event he is proposed by the Liberal majority as candidate for President.
3. The Liberal Party in the Department of Valle del Cauca is facing an internal crisis between leftist and moderate Liberals. Twenty-five Liberal committees in the city of Cali have demanded that any members belonging to the Municipal Directorate should immediately resign in order not to be associated with the "oligarchies who plunder the people under the protection of 'gaitanismo'" (referring to supporters of Jorge Eliecer Gaitan, who was assassinated on 9 April 1948).

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